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Interview Summary

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Date of Interview: 30 July 2009.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: ____.

Claim(s) discussed: 113-115.

Identification of prior art discussed: Wesse/s.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: the Examiner agreed that amending the claims 113-115 to recite "partial exposure of the fibrous web" would overcome current 112 issues. The Examiner advised to amend claims to avoid embodiment illustrated in Fig. 4A of Wessels showing partial exposure of the fibrous web. If claims were amended to recite the exposed fibrous surface on the edge of the web, the Examiner was uncertain whether it would overcome obviousness of "design choice".

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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